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SUMMARY: IN THE GERMAN VIEW, FRENCH PREOCCUPATION WITH
PENDING ELECTIONS PRECLUDED A REAL EXCHANGE ON SUB-
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STANTIVE MATTERS. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO CONTINUE
COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELDS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE BILATERAL SUMMIT MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6-7 IN
PARIS SIGNALLED THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELYSEE
AGREEMENT. THE ONLY SIGN OF THE ANNIVERSARY, ACCORDING
TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WAS THE FACT THAT THE WIVES OF

THE FRG DELEGATION HAD BEEN INVITED AS WELL. BOTH SIDES DECLINED TO GIVE THE ANNIVERSARY ANY MORE EMPHASIS, BELIEVING IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THE IMAGE OF A PATTERN OF NORMALIZED FRG-FRENCH CONTACTS. THE GERMAN SIDE WAS, HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED BY THE RETICENCE OF THEIR FRENCH COUNTERPARTS IN GETTING DOWN TO THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF THE ISSUES BEFORE THEM. THEY ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE NATIONAL PREOCCUPATION WITH THE PENDING ELECTIONS.

2. SCHMIDT AND GISCARD SPENT SEVERAL HOURS TOGETHER IN ONE-ON-ONE TALKS. ALTHOUGH OUR CONTACTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE NOT YET SEEN A REPORT ON THOSE TALKS, WE DO KNOW THAT THE FRENCH DISARMAMENT ISSUE WAS A MAJOR TOPIC. (A READOUT ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS WAS REPORTED IN REF A.) OUR BRIEFING WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON NOTES OF CONVERSATIONS INVOLVING GENSCHER AND THE WORKING DELEGATIONS.

3. IN THE EUROPEAN AREA, BOTH SIDES SHARED THEIR CONCERN OVER BRITISH INTRANSIGENCE ON THE FISHING ISSUE. THEY AGREED THAT LONDON SHOULD BE URGED TO COM-PROMISE IN THE INTEREST OF EUROPEAN UNITY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE FRENCH AGREED THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON GREEK ACCESSION TO THE EC SHOULD BE COMPLETED DURING THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. DEVELOPMENTS OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN THEATER WERE DISCUSSED ONLY BRIEFLY. SCHMIDT AND GISCARD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE THEN PENDING NAMIBIA PROXIMITY TALKS. ON THE SUBJECT OF THE HORN, SCHMIDT EMPHASIZED THE SERIOUSNESS HE SAW IN SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR A TIMELY SOLUTION THAT WOULD ENJOY BROAD INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND PROVIDE FOR SOME FORM OF AUTONOMY FOR THE ETHNIC SOMALIS IN THE OGADEN REGION. THE MIDDLE EAST WAS MENTIONED ONLY BRIEFLY. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION, TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT, OF CHAD OR OF FRENCH PLANS FOR WEST AFRICA.

5. IN THE CONTEXT OF BILATERAL AND EUROPEAN ISSUES, BOTH SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF EXTRADITION WITHIN THE EC. THE FRENCH FLOATED THE PROPOSAL THAT INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE EXTRADITED AUTOMATICALLY FOR ALL CRIMES, NOT ONLY FOR THOSE RELATED TO TERRORISM. THE GERMANS FOUND THE FRENCH SUGGESTION A REVOLUTIONARY ONE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AMONG OTHER EC PARTNERS. IN THE MEANTIME,

THE GERMAN SIDE BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT TO GO AHEAD
WITH THE DISCUSSION AS IT RELATED TO TERRORISM.
AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WOULD

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BE DISCUSSED FURTHER BY LEGAL EXPERTS.

6. THE FRENCH SIDE REVIEWED ITS SUCCESS IN COPING WITH
UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE YOUTH SECTOR AND THE GERMANS TOOK
COPIOUS NOTES. THERE WAS A SHORT DISCUSSION OF EXPORT
CREDIT CONSENSUS; THE GERMAN SIDE NOTED GREATER
AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
THE CASE. BARRE AND SCHMIDT DISCUSSED THIS PERSONALLY,
AS REPORTED REF E. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ON THE
STRENGTH OF THE FRENCH FRANC.

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7. EXPERTS FROM BOTH DELEGATIONS SPENT MUCH TIME DISCUSSING ENERGY AND SPACE MATTERS BUT COULD AGREE ONLY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION. WHILE COOPERATION HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY IN THE AREA OF BREEDER REACTORS, THE GERMANS PUSHED TO EXPAND THIS COOPERATION INTO THE REALM OF HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTORS, AN AREA WHERE THE FRENCH HAVE TRADITIONALLY HESITATED. AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WILL BE FORTHCOMING TO OUTLINE FURTHER COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE COLOR TV DIFFICULTY. BOTH SIDES REPEATED THEIR PREVIOUSLY- STATED VIEWS ON HOW MANY SATELLITES SHOULD BE PRODUCED FOR LAUNCHING BY THE ARIANE. THE GERMANS WOULD AGREE TO GOING AHEAD WITH TWO NOW WITH DISCUSSIONS ON FINANCING THE REMAINDER TO FOLLOW. THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO INSIST ON SIX.

8. EUROPEAN CO-PRODUCTION OF AIRLINERS WAS DISCUSSED AND IS REPORTED REF D.
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